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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, are you...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Flood. I very much appreciate your willingness to look into this further. As you can probably tell, I have a great passion for this issue. It's an issue that I've been working on for five years, with the help of all the good cosponsors, who I think almost all of them have been on the issue that entire length of time as well. I just want you to keep a few things in mind as you cast your vote on this. One, this isn't an immigration issue. It really is an education issue. Secondly, and we haven't said this tonight, I don't think, but this isn't simply an Hispanic/Latino issue. There would be other students who might possibly be impacted by this issue. Third, these students are a resource to the state and, as that old Negro College motto said, a mind is a terrible thing to waste, and I think we need to keep that in mind. Fourth, LB 239 does not take away from any other students. Fifth, we need to finish the job that the United States Supreme Court established back in 1982, when it said we needed to educate these children K-12. And finally, LB 239 is good business. It is good business for the businesses that are here in the state, for our economy, and when you really think about it, just overall good in terms of the human issues here. So I hope you will vote to advance LB 239. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, did you...were you going to call for a call of the house?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I did ask for a call of the house, yes, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes. Yeah. The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion was successful. The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor.